
HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS CORAL REEF ECOSYSTEM RESERVE AND GRATITUDE FOR THOSE EXCEPTIONAL INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SHOWN OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT TO ESTABLISHING THE PAPAĀNAUMOKUĀKEA MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT.

1 WHEREAS, in 2000, President Clinton issued an Executive
2 Order to help protect significant natural and cultural resources
3 within the marine environment by strengthening and expanding the
4 nation's system of marine protected areas; and
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6 WHEREAS, as a result of public comments and negotiations
7 between President Clinton and Congress, the National Marine
8 Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000 authorized the creation of a
9 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve; and
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11 WHEREAS, President Clinton issued Executive Orders in 2000
12 and 2001, which created the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral
13 Reef Ecosystem Reserve to help ensure the protection of the
14 coral reef ecosystem of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and
15 related marine resources and species; and
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17 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine
18 National Monument was established by Presidential Proclamation,
19 with contiguous boundaries to include the Northwestern Hawaiian
20 Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, the Midway National
21 Wildlife Refuge, the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge,
22 the Battle of Midway National Memorial, the Kure Atoll Wildlife
23 Sanctuary, and overlaid with the Hawaii State Northwestern
24 Hawaiian Islands Marine Refuge; and
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26 WHEREAS, this National Monument designation was the first
27 step towards coordinated management of the unique resources
28 within the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands region and, one year



1 later, the Marine National Monument was re-named with its
2 Hawaiian name, Papahānaumokuākea; and

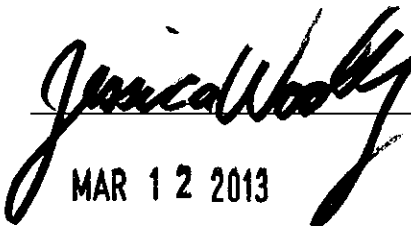
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4 WHEREAS, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument is
5 the largest public conservation trust in the United States and
6 is larger than all of the country's national parks combined; and

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8 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National
9 Monument was designated as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area by
10 the United Nations International Maritime Organization, and is
11 the second marine protected area in the United States to receive
12 Particularly Sensitive Sea Area designation; and

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14 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National
15 Monument was inscribed as the United States' first mixed,
16 natural and cultural World Heritage Site by the delegates to the
17 United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural
18 Organization's 34th World Heritage Convention in Brasilia,
19 Brazil; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
23 Session of 2013, that this body hereby expresses support for the
24 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve and
25 gratitude for those exceptional individuals who have shown
26 outstanding commitment to establishing the Papahānaumokuākea
27 Marine National Monument and extends to them its warmest aloha
28 and sincere best wishes for continued success in all future
29 endeavors.

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